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—Review, Buenos Aires, Feb. 9.

—The President of the Oriental republic has
received two magnificent swords from Italy, but
does not know what to do with them, as his ex-
cellency, having no military rank, is not entitled to
buckle one on.—Review, Buenos Aires. Why not
make him an "honorary general" as we do here
in Brazil? We have civilian "generals" here
who do not know on which side to wear the sword,
and who flee to the country at the first sound of
war.

—The *Venus*, with Captain Murray in charge,
arrived on Thursday afternoon with the *Thames*
passengers. On Thursday morning at 8, the
Venus signalled the *Tridente*, anchored 20 miles to
the east of Pontón Chico, with her machinery
disabled. Captain Murray was unable to render
the vessel any assistance as by so doing, he would
have placed all her passengers in quarantine when
they arrived in Montevideo. The passengers were
finally transhipped to the s. s. *Montevideo* and
taken back to the port of the same name, and the
Tridente, in spite of the heavy gale that was blow-
ing on Friday, managed to reach Montevideo with
one paddle.—Review, Buenos Aires, Feb. 9. It
would appear from this that South American
quarantines compel shipmasters to withhold assis-
tance to those in peril. It is a fine "Christian"
institution, this quarantine! We ought to be proud
of it!

—The health board, which was so remarkably
and uselessly officious in the imposition of quaran-
tine between various parts of the republic, does not
seem to have, or if it has does not appear to use,
the necessary powers for dealing with actual cases
of cholera. It is shocking to know that the two
persons who died of cholera on Piggio's island,
almost opposite the Tigre yard, have remained
unburied for several days. The occurrence of
isolated cases of this kind appears to prove that
the disease is not a contagious one, as in the cases
of which we speak, as well as in other cases in the
Tigre district, it has arisen from some indiscretion
in the eating of fruit or the like. But cholera or
no cholera, surely we have even in the neglected
Tigre islands some authority which could take
action and put an end to such a disgrace to humani-
ty as the utter abandonment of the victims of
disease.—Review, Buenos Aires, Feb. 9th.

—Another of the inscrutable mysteries of that
tariff which was briefly discussed and rushed
through at the beginning of the year, has been
brought to light by a native contemporary. Iron
piping, it appears, was formerly allowed in free of
import duty, which seemed a reasonable thing, as
it was principally used for public work, and could
not be manufactured at a reasonable price here.
In 1894 a duty of one half cent per kilo was im-
posed, and for 1895, as if this were not quite
sufficient, the duty was raised to one cent and
half per kilo. This is at the rate of \$15 gold per
ton, and as the cost is about £3 per ton, it follows
that our sagacious legislators are imposing on this
useful article, which is practically impossible to
produce here, a duty at the rate of 100 per cent!
It will, of course, be a very serious question for
gas and water companies to consider, for the cost
of laying down new piping will be immensely and
unreasonably increased.—Review, Buenos Aires.

—The Argentine minister, Dr. Moreno, has ob-
tained from the minister of finance the remission of
an exorbitant and unjust fine of \$800 imposed by
the port authorities on the Platense river steamer
Olympo because in her last journey from Asun-
cion her papers did not bear the visé of the Urugu-
ayan consul in Paraguay, accompanied by the
threat that if the case occurred again she would be
fined \$500 and her packet privileges withdrawn.
The fine was entirely unjust, because in the jour-
ney in question her terminus was Buenos Aires
and she carried neither cargo nor passengers for
Montevideo, her journey to this port, or rather to
Flores island, on the day following, being the
result of a separate and special charter. The Ar-
gentine minister intervened in the matter as the
Olympo sails under the Argentine flag, and he very
correctly represented that such arbitrary and exor-
bitant proceedings would endanger the friendly
commercial relations and freedom of traffic between
the two republics.—Montevideo Times, Feb. 9.

—But in my case, be that as it may, the fact
remains that we are condemned to hand over to
Brazil 1,200 leagues of land, which must be done
in homage to our good faith, and with due respect
to the decision given by the tribunal to which was
delegated the sovereignty of the nation, the last
word in this dispute. At the same time, let us
place on record, while we gather together the an-
tecedents and information necessary to comment fully
upon this verdict, the fact that this disaster is due
in great measure to Dr. Zeballos who has behaved
on this occasion with the flippant self-display which
is peculiar to him, and has treated a grave and
important question, which involved political and
national interests, with paradoxical judgment and
in a personal manner with the object of proving to
the country the originality and inventiveness of
his diplomatic abilities. It is merely necessary to
compare his defence with that of the Brazilian
representative to become convinced that while our
delegate attempts to gain the point by chicanery
and tricky argument, Señor Capanema, in the
question with precision, gravity and meditation,
which contrast most favorably for his side, and
here we have the key to the sentence which con-
demns the country to hand over territory to which,
in other hands, it might have been possible to
prove our legitimate title. . . . Let us accept
the sentence, but let us at least on record the public
calamity that these bumptious posturers are for the
country.—El Diario, Buenos Aires. It is amusing
to note that the *Diario* is also at fault, for it credits
the Brazilian argument to Sr. Capanema, instead
of Barão do Rio Branco. Our Portenho con-
temporary is evidently gifted with some of the pecu-
liarities which made Dr. Zeballos so unsatisfactory
an advocate. Jumping at a conclusion is bad,
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RIO DE JANEIRO, FEBRUARY 26th, 1895.

We can heartily support the statements made in another column by the secretary of the British Subscription Library. There is no question as to its value and usefulness. It is one of the oldest distinctively foreign institutions in this city, almost as old, in fact, as the English church. It contains many rare and valuable books, and it is now provided with a working collection of light reading which renders it practically useful to the whole English-speaking community. It has done much good in the past, and can easily be made still more useful in the future. It should be remembered that a library like this can not be collected in a day, and it should be borne in mind, also, that its possession is an honor to the colony to which it belongs. No other foreign colony in this capital has ever accumulated such a store of books; to the British and American colonies (for they have always been united in this institution, as well as in others) alone belongs this honor. No better testimonial could have been left of the intelligence and public spirit of our predecessors than this library; and no better record can be made by our contemporaries than that of its preservation and improvement. As for the permanent quarters needed, surely it ought to be possible to arrange them. Should some member of our two colonies be rebuilding either on a purchased site, or on one secured by a long lease, it might be arranged to provide ample accommodations for the library and reading room, the latter providing funds for the extra expense involved. Surely someone will be able to satisfy this condition.

It ought not to be necessary to again call the attention of the police authorities to the abnormal and shameful state of things existing at the D. Pedro II docks, where exporters are compelled to ship their coffee. Complaints of the thefts to which coffee shippers are subject, have been made again and again, but to no purpose. The thieves are not only still there, but they are openly using violence against the persons who try to interfere with them. They rob the coffee bags in the open street while awaiting admission to the docks, and they rob them again inside the docks where the coffee is transferred to vessels or lighters. In consuming markets, the complaints of shortages, amounting to not less than two per cent on the average, and frequently to much more, are of long standing but it has been impossible up to the present time to establish the responsibility. The impunity which the thieves have been enjoying, has now rendered them less cautious, and they carry on their criminal practices in open day and in the open street. It is now possible for the exporter to say just where the shortage is caused, and the government will some day be called upon for an explanation in regard to it. The coffee robbed is the property of foreigners. They have appealed to the police for protection, but thus far in vain. The next step will be to appeal to their own governments. Brazil is under every obligation to protect their property, and if this is not done the victim will clearly be entitled to compensation. In the meantime, however, the reputation of the country will suffer, and its trade will have to stand the discredit which invariably follows the license granted to such unlawful practices.

The dispute between the states of Minas Geraes and Rio de Janeiro in regard to the methods to be employed in the collection of the export duty on coffee, came to a climax on the 23rd, the inspector of the federal custom-house of this city, who has nothing to do with the dispute, deciding to support the Minas side and refusing to dispatch Rio coffee without accompanying *guias*. This is an express refusal to recognize the certificates issued by the state of Rio de Janeiro that the duties had been paid and that the bearer is entitled to ship a specified number of bags of coffee. As the export duty on coffee is now a state tax, and as the states are empowered to collect these taxes and authorize the clearance of their products in whatever way they consider best, it is evident that the inspector of customs has exceeded his powers and has committed an illegal act in stopping the shipment of Rio coffee and exacting *guias* for the same, which implies the payment of duties a second time. Having filled out their dispatches, paid the export duties, and received a formal clearance from the *meza de rendas* of the state, the exporters are legally entitled to ship the coffee specified without let or hindrance from the custom-house. The inspector has no business to inquire into the method of collecting the tax, nor whether it covers coffee from any particular locality, nor whether there is coffee enough in stock to satisfy the dispatches. All these matters belong exclusively to the states in question, and the national government has nothing whatever to do with them. If complications arise, they must be liquidated by the states themselves. At Santos, and Victoria, and Bahia, the states exercise full control over the clearances of coffee dispatched for exportation, and the states using this port must be allowed the same privilege. It is unfortunate, of course, that Minas and Rio have not been able to agree on some common method of collecting the tax, but this is no concern of the federal authorities. It is even questionable whether the national authorities have a right to compel exporters to use the D. Pedro II docks and to exact returns as to quantities and values. If the state of Rio de Janeiro were to authorize clearances of coffee from Niteroy, or were to acquire a *trapiche* in this city and authorize the shipment of Rio coffee from its piers, we doubt whether the national government would have any right to object. The state of Rio de Janeiro has an unquestionable right to do just what it pleases in this matter. As for the causes for this deadlock, we may perhaps be permitted to say in these columns what the exporters can not say in their protest. The controversy between the two states has been caused by the manipulations of certain speculators—a *trust*, if you please—who have bought up all the *guias* current, amounting to a very large sum of money, and are now insisting on a continuation of the old system so that they can unload at an enormous profit. Having all the *guias* in circulation, they are in a position to “squeeze” the exporters to any degree, and this accounts for the heavy dispatches of “Rio coffee” on Saturday last. The exporters are making no question as to the 11 per cent. duty imposed, but they are trying to escape the surtax which the *guia* trust is now proposing to force upon them. Instead of protecting the exporters, who have a legitimate claim upon the government for protection and assistance, the Minas *fiscal* and the federal customs inspector have now definitely joined hands with the speculators. There will be a heavy profit on these *guias* if the state of Rio de Janeiro can be driven into the ring, but we trust the minister of finance will not permit the conspiracy to succeed.

The amusements of a people unquestionably play an important part in their development, and are determining influences in their growth. They are illustrations to the text which relates their history, and which outlines their future progress. They are character-forming influences which help to determine a nation's true place in the civilized world. The way in which a man amuses himself indicates very closely what his character and tastes are, and from them one can generally divine, if he is young, what his future career will be. To a great extent this is also true of nations. There is wisdom and true statesmanship, therefore, in every effort to encourage innocent and wholesome amusement, and to repress all that is vicious

and demoralizing. The best strength of every nation lies in the intelligent and moral character of the masses, and the true patriot will therefore seek to elevate his people, to give them sound and wholesome views of life and to restrain vicious tendencies. A good example of this is to be found in the Puritans of England and the United States, to whom is due much of the progress and strength of those two great nations. The Puritans, however, carried their sober views of life to an extreme, and sought to repress even the most innocent diversions. In this they made at least one serious mistake, for it aroused feelings of hostility to their austerity and piety which finally ended in reaction. They gave us, however, a good and wholesome example which is worthy of study and imitation. They recognized the fact that a nation is simply an aggregation of individuals, and that its strength and influence rests directly upon their tastes, habits and beliefs. They sought therefore to magnify the nation by improving the individual, by correcting his vices, purifying his tastes and ennobling his ambitions. And they were right. No nation can be truly great whose people are frivolous, vicious, and careless of their character and reputation. And no statesman can be truly wise and patriotic who fails to correct the vicious tendencies of his people, and who neglects to arouse worthy ambitions in their hearts. For this reason, if for none other, something should be done to abolish or modify the mad follies of Carnival. There may be much that is innocent and amusing in its festivities, but at the same time there is more that is vulgar, indecent and vicious in them. It would be difficult, in our opinion, to find anything connected with them worthy of preservation. They encourage the expenditure of money on trumpery decorations and costumes; they afford licence and opportunity for indecent displays; they protect and encourage immorality and gross intemperance; they cultivate vicious tastes and create low ideals; they permit disorder and violence; and they give opportunity for the waste of money which could be better spent on other things. Although we have cholera and fever in our midst, and dirty, badly-paved streets and crumbling houses all about us, the people are encouraged to spend enough on tawdry dresses and decorations, on hideous music and processions, on bits of colored paper, and all that, to almost make their city clean and wholesome. If there were any good in it, we should not venture to say a word, but there is not. It is nothing but a vulgar exhibition of vulgar tastes, it is nothing but vice running riot. For three days all common restraints are withdrawn, and the streets are given up to buffoonery and tawdry display. It would be well, in our opinion, were the government to repress Carnival altogether, and to substitute something which would contribute to the well-being of the people as well as to their amusement. Some of the old-time features of Carnival, such as throwing water, etc., have been prohibited; why not take another step and suppress the custom altogether?

BRITISH SUBSCRIPTION LIBRARY.

Temporary premises for the Reading Room and a portion of the Library are now open at 113 Rua da Assembleia, 1st floor.

To the Editor of the Rio News.

Dear Sir:—The above notice together with a few remarks I wish to offer on the subject of the British Library would have appeared in your last week's issue, had it been possible at the time of your closing to say that the premises were open or to state the date at which they would be ready. Notice as to this has since appeared in the *Journal*.

Let me state, for the benefit of subscribers, the position in which we of the committee have found ourselves. At the end of January we received a notice from a new tenant of the old premises to quit the same by the end of February. We did our best to be allowed to remain; but there was no help for it, we had to go. It then became a matter of finding new premises. The librarian and various members of the committee as well as other people busied themselves in the attempt to do this. One or other of us visited possible premises in all parts of the city. Some were too high up, some too dark, some too small, some with too high a rental, and none were satisfactory. What then were we to do, as the time was running on? Should we reopen in premises that we knew would afterwards be found to be in one way or another unsatisfactory? We resolved on another course. We resolved to take smaller temporary premises, and there carry on the reading room and what may be called the more living parts of the Library until such time as we should meet with premises that would satisfy the wants of the institution.

And here I would mention with regret the local note in your issue of the 12th stating that you “hear with regret that the committee has resolved to store the books.” There was no authority for that statement, as neither myself nor, so far as I know, any other member of the committee ever contemplated such a step. Naturally the statement was taken to mean the whole of the books, and has misled among others the person writing anonymously in your last week's issue as “Subscriber,” who charges the committee with divers dire offences, one of them apparently being so dark a crime that he cannot bring himself to have it put in print.

What is available for subscribers at the present moment is the whole of the novels, the whole of the miscellaneous works, together with all the new and a portion of the older Voyages and Travels. To these will still be added the new novels continually arriving, as well as an order of other books shortly expected from Modie's.

If any subscriber has any justifiable complaint to make as to the action of the committee, or any practical suggestion as to how, under the circumstances, they might have done better, the committee will be only too ready to hear either of them at the annual meeting that must soon take place. Meantime the committee regard the present arrangement as of course only temporary, and they beg of all subscribers and friends to be on the watch and advise them of any suitable premises that may come under their notice.

But, sir, I would plead for more than this. I would plead that in some way the Library might be altogether freed from this perpetual liability to disturbance. It is altogether below the dignity of an institution such as this to be subject to the caprice of this or that landlord or tenant who may at any moment take it into his head to tell us, “move on.” An institution that dates back from 1825, and has survived all vicissitudes and which still is useful to large numbers of English-speaking people and might become more so still if more adequately supported, deserves better treatment. The British Library should have premises of its own or at least be able to command some security of tenure. It is extremely disheartening to those engaged in the management that just when they are beginning to see possibilities and prospects before them, one of these blows falls and spoils everything. It seems specially hard in the present instance when during the past year we have converted a balance of 168,000 that was against us in December 1893, into a balance of 1,200,000 in our favor in December, 1894. Much might have been done for the further improvement of the Library with that balance which would doubtless have again increased during the present year. But another notice of ejection comes and once more destroys all prospect of advance.

The matter is of course largely one of means and means ought to be forthcoming to put the Library on a more self-respecting footing. People will pay large sums for the advantages of a lunch club, and considerable sums for a billiards, cards and dancing club; but the quiet pursuits of the student and some slight efforts after literature, even when associated with an institution which as things go here may almost be termed venerable, seem to be left to hide themselves away in any temporary hole and corner they can find. This is not the position in which such an institution as the British Subscription Library ought to be placed; and that some means for the amelioration of its position may be found is the sincere desire of certainly not the least warm among its well-wishers.

H. MOSLEY,
Hon. Sec.

Rio, Feb. 25th, 1895.

STRANGERS' HOSPITAL.

DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM 1ST JANUARY 1895.

Donations:

Messrs. Rucker & Bancroft £2 2s...	48\$300
„ Hopkins Casner & Hopkins...	500 000
Anonymous £10 @ 23\$...	230 000
Sr. Antonio da Rocha Passos...	100 000
Mr. F. L. Schwind...	100 000
„ W. C. Shackelford £10 10s @ 10 \$ d...	245 850
„ Bernard Byrne £10 @ 24\$...	240 000
Rev. E. J. Griffiths £2 2s...	52 260
Mr. Gen. Greville...	100 000
Messrs. A. J. Lamoreux & Co...	165 500

Subscriptions:

Mr. Felix Reich...	100\$000
„ John Meckenzie...	200 000
„ William Scotland...	50 000
„ Louis Grey...	100 000
The Brazilian Coal Co...	1,000 000
A. J. Lamoreux...	100 000

Total receipts from July 1st to Dec. 31st, 1894:
Donations..... 22,691\$520
Subscriptions..... 23,750 000
Patients Fees..... 7,835 400

Rs. 54,276\$920

In one of his recent speeches in the United States, Mr. John Burns, M. P., told the following bitter truths respecting the armaments that are the curse of Europe and of the world:—“There are eight millions of armed men in Europe, and they are nothing less than legalised murderers. These ghastly popinjays produce nothing. They simply destroy. These immense armies have been formed less to resist a foreign invasion than to provide a recruiting ground whereon the brainless scions of the upper classes may earn a livelihood. The world will continue to be thus impoverished to satisfy selfish ambition until the worker arises in his wrath and firmly says these things shall no longer be.”

COFFEE EXPORTERS' PROTEST.

In view of the arbitrary decision of the Inspector of Customs of this port, on the 23rd inst., not to permit the shipment of coffee unless accompanied by *guia*, the principal exporting houses of this city signed the following formal protest:

To His Excellency

The Minister of Finance,

The undersigned coffee exporters desire to respectfully protest to your excellency against the proceedings of the Inspector of the custom-house of the Federal Capital, refusing permission to ship the coffee for which we have obtained dispatch free of duties from the state of Rio de Janeiro, from which it came, and when the same inspector had already declared to a coffee exporter of this market, expediting a requisition made by him with the following dispatch:

"In relation to the Rio coffee dispatched for the exterior, the custom-house only requires a free clearance with declaration of weight and value, document indispensable for record. As to the collection and fiscalization of the duties, these belong to the *meza de rendas* of the said state."

Likewise, having been refused permission to embark the coffee dispatched under these conditions, we are informed that one exporter is now doing this, for which reason we ask justice from your excellency, and we protest, for the protection of our interests, against all the losses and prejudices which we may suffer.

Rio de Janeiro, 23rd February, 1895.

(signed)

ARBUCKLE BROTHERS,

J. B. James B. Kennedy,

HARD, RAND & Co.

PHIPPS BROTHERS & Co.

J. W. DOANE & Co.

W. E. Burch.

J. A. JAMES MATTHEW & Co.,

D. L. Lacombe.

LEVINGER & Co.

FRANK NORTON & Co.

WILSON & Co.

W. F. McLAUGHLIN & Co.,

J. P. John S. Keogh.

ROBERTO DO COUUTO & Co.

AUG. LEUBA & Co.

JOHN BRADSHAW & Co.

J. A. WATSON, RITCHIE & Co.,

H. Montgomery.

A. WILHE, SCHMILSKY & Co.,

Gust. Wachneldt.

J. P. STEINWENDER, STOFFE-

REN & Co.,

Edw. Mellor.

FARIA, CUNHA & Co.

RIVER PLATE ITEMS.

—A Buenos Aires telegram of the 22nd announces the resignation of the Argentine minister in Chili.

—Buenos Aires telegrams of the 18th reported an increase in cholera throughout the country. On the 19th other telegrams reported a rapid decline in the epidemic.

—The Uruguayan government has declared infected the ports of Rio and Santos, and all other Brazilian ports suspected. All vessels clearing after February 10th must undergo ten days quarantine.

—The Argentine minister in Rio writes to the foreign office here stating that cattle from Argentina continue to be discharged in a regular manner, without any further disagreeable incident. —*Times*, Buenos Aires, Feb. 9.

—The Chilean Congress has sanctioned the guarantee to Clark & Co. of $\frac{1}{2}$ % interest on \$1,300,000, the capital invested in the construction of the Chilean portion of the Transandine railway. The working expenses are fixed at 60 % —*Buenos Aires Herald*.

—We have received a criticism on the restoration of Capt. Fane of the navy list. In our opinion this is a proper thing to do in a service which approves in a formal manner of the desertion of a ship and crew by all the officers, huddling themselves together in a single boat. It is quite consistent to restore him to duty, rank and pay. Of course, in any other navy in the world he would have been fortunate to escape the death penalty. —*Buenos Aires Herald*.

—The army and navy authorities in Buenos Aires are agitating for a law to gag the press concerning their condition and proceedings. This means that they are so painfully conscious of their own defects that they are mortally afraid the public should be made equally aware of them. No criticism of the press could have condemned them more severely than the cowardice they have exhibited in taking this step. They are afraid of the truth, and they best know why they have reason to be afraid. —*Buenos Aires Herald*.

—All this hysterical nervousness on the part of the health authorities, the press and the people, is simply an ignominious confession of the consciousness that their ways are insupportable and unhealthy. If their streets and houses were in good sanitary order, their drains well regulated, their rooms purified by light and air, and their personal habits clean and wholesome, they would have no necessity for this affect fright and could laugh to scorn a so-called "epidemic" that rages to the extent of fifteen or twenty cases at a time in a population of five millions. —*Montevideo Times*.

—The courts have decided that there is no case against Sr. Marengo, the swindling manager of the Provincial Bank of Buenos Aires. He managed to obtain, or lose, about a million and a half dollars belonging to the bank; he lived in luxurious style, maintained two or three domestic establishments, with mistresses, etc., gave costly dinners, speculated on the bolsa, kept a racing stud, and gambled and maintained a battalion of parasites—and all this on a moderate salary. The money has disappeared, and the bank holds his *vales* and other worthless paper—and there is no case against him!

—Owing to the lazaret at Flores island being full, the *Beña* is unable to land her passengers for this port and Buenos Aires, and consequently her sailing for the West Coast is delayed for two or three days. —*Montevideo Times*, Feb. 12.

—The suspicious case scare is bringing to light some very interesting information with regard to our public markets where the city's daily food is purchased. A technical commission retained to inspect the markets has reported on three of them: Buenos Aires, Libertad and Lorea. Among other peculiarities of those markets we learn that the stalls and paths are never by any chance cleaned or washed and that the putrid vegetables, etc. are kept heaped up in all corners for want of proper boxes as ordained by the authorities. In one word, were cholera to break out, the public markets are certain to be the propagating-ground of the bacilli. —*Times*, Buenos Aires.

—In Sunday's elections the radicals were victorious, in the provinces as well as the capital. In the latter there was practically no opposition to the election of Drs. Irigoyen and Torino, although a few votes were given to some other persons. In the province it is evident that there was disorganization in the ranks of the *acordados*; there was a serious defection of *Ministas* and in some cases the provincial unionists appear to have voted for the radicals. The returns are not complete, and there is a great discrepancy between those made by the radical newspapers and those of General Roca's organ, the *Trinoma*, but the latter frankly admits that Drs. Alem and Demaria have been elected. —*B. A. Herald*.

—The health board here are very keen in visiting houses, and making the inhabitants disinfest their rooms etc., and being generally what may be termed officious, but they are criminally neglectful at times. The other day a man was taken out of the water near the docks and the dead body was laid in a shed, but owing to the fearful red tape and jealousy between the health board and the captain of the port, the body lay for five days in the shed, till the men engaged near the spot struck work. The body was in a fearful state of decomposition, and putrefaction when removed. Such occurrences as this call for the severest censure, but the health board is pachydermatous and cares not. —*Times*, Buenos Aires, Feb. 11.

—It is definitely announced that Dr. Victorino Montoro has telegraphed to his government resigning his post as Brazilian minister here. This step, to which he assigns the reason of ill-health, has produced a good effect, for some of his procedures had rendered him equally unpopular to his own compatriots and to people here. In fact, he has been generally accused of being little more than a tool for Governor Castilhos of Rio Grande state, and therefore naturally did not pull well with the Brazilian residents, the large majority of whom are frankly in favour of the revolution in Rio Grande, but who are still his compatriots and therefore entitled to his impartial services in a foreign land. It is thought that his removal will smooth the relations between the Uruguayan and Brazilian governments, and should he be replaced by an impartial man, even sent to the pacification of Rio Grande. Another strong accusation against him is that he was the mouthpiece of many of the false and interested reports frequently circulated by Peixoto's partisans, not a few of which were traced directly to his legation. Many of the statements which he published as "official" during the revolution are now known to have been entirely false. There is no hint yet as to who his successor may be. —*Montevideo Times*.

PROVINCIAL NOTES

—The Bahia state government has been recently buying arms and ammunition for the police.

—A police force with arms and ammunition has been sent to Cocho, the scene of recent disturbances in the interior of Bahia.

—Carlos Gomes is expected to visit Pará in March, when a benefit performance is to be given to him.

—Of the 130,000 inhabitants of the city of São Paulo, 70,000 are foreigners. Of these 40,000 are Italians and 16,000 Portuguese.

—Political disturbances are now reported from the state of Parahyba. One of the parties accuses the other of "provoking anarchy."

—The season is reported fairly good in Ceará. There have been rains sufficient to dispel all fears of a *secca*, and the exportations for the year are hopeful.

—The *Diário Popular* of the 18th says that the São Paulo chief of police had arrested upwards of a hundred vagabonds and thieves up to that date.

—A Porto Alegre telegram of the 19th confirms the death of Col. Jacob Adams and the capture of Santo Antonio by the federalists under Col. Baptista.

—A telegram from Curitiba on the 20th says that the court there has absolved Luiz Murat, charged with complicity in the revolt. The *gente de ouro* will be deeply grieved to hear of this.

—The *Gazeta*, of Uberaba, Minas Geraes, has suspended publication because of an attack on its managing editor on the 15th inst. The editor has appealed to the governor of the state for protection.

—Seven prisoners recently made their escape from the Santos lock-up, but four of them were afterwards recaptured. It is charged that gross cruelties have been practised there in the treatment of prisoners.

—There were 201 deaths including 22 stillbirths, in the city of Pará during the month of January.

—There was a fight in São Paulo on Sunday between policemen and artillery soldiers, some of them using revolvers. The military commander promised to punish any soldiers provoking these conflicts.

—Later news from Pitangueiras, São Paulo, in regard to the mutinous police detachment, says that the sergeant and four soldiers are being prosecuted. There were four persons wounded with gunshots, one mortally.

—A Montevideo telegram of the 23rd says it is reported that over a thousand men had recently invaded Rio Grande, and that they are to join the force under Appario Saravia. It is said that Saldanha da Gama is with this force.

—Complaints have been telegraphed from S. Francisco, Santa Catharina, of the arbitrary conduct of the police. Arrests and imprisonments have been made without due process. It sounds like a continuation of the late lamented dictatorship.

—Late advice from Paraná state that crimes and personal attacks of every description because of political antagonisms, continue in that state. In Tanquara the police recently shot a man named Aguiar, but for what reason is not known.

—The subscriptions in São Paulo for an offering to Bodoia da Rio Branco in recognition of his service on the Misiones arbitration case, have now reached the sum of 30,000. Would it not be well to prevent the illustrious advocate with the territory itself?

—The recent rains caused disastrous inundations in Espírito Santo, as well as in the states of Rio de Janeiro, Minas Geraes and São Paulo. From some interior localities in Bahia, however, there were complaints of drouth at the time the rains were so heavy further south.

—Carnival Sunday was celebrated in Petropolis, according to the *Gazeta de Noticias*, by a fancy dress show on the part of one young diplomat, who dressed as a Botocudo and had himself photographed. If he tried to personate the real genuine Botocudo—but, of course, he didn't!

—The contract for the governor's palace at the new capital of Minas Geraes has been signed. The contract for the new church and chapel have also been celebrated. The railway branch to the place is to be ready for traffic in May.

—On the night of the 20th the São Paulo police succeeded in capturing the chief and eight members of a gang of thieves which has been operating in that city some time. Through the confession of one of the men, they also found out who has been receiving the stolen goods, some of which was recovered.

—A telegram from Pernambuco announces the arrival there of the Italian ironclad *Liguria*, which comes out to form the nucleus of an Italian squadron on this coast. The interests of Italy are so important in Argentina and Brazil that it is matter for surprise that such a squadron has not been organized long ago.

—The *Gazeta de Noticias* of Bahia, of 31st January, states that a state of anarchy prevails at Cocho, in the interior of that state. The people are under arms and are fighting each other with fatal results. Upwards of 60 persons had already been killed. The assistance of the government is asked to repress these conflicts.

—On the 18th inst. there were 35 patients in the yellow-fever hospital at Santos, 14 arrivals during the day, 4 deaths and 4 persons discharged cured, leaving 47 under treatment, of which 17 were sailors. The fever is steadily increasing in spite of the efforts of the sanitary board. This is in part, to the pernicious practice of permitting the discharge of sewage into the river within the limits of the city.

—A Montevideo telegram of the 24th says that after having taken some towns in the central region of Rio Grande, Victorio Guerrero directed his march in another direction. He had received several small hands which had before been operating by themselves. It is thought that his movements have been in accordance with a prearranged plan, and that the revolutionary forces will now be united.

—A Montevideo telegram to the *Pais* on the 23rd announces that Guerrero had been defeated and his force dispersed, and that all is quiet on the frontier. The vagueness of the dispatch and the silence of the *Pais* in regard to preceding events, leads one to suspect that the telegram is the work of that same vivid imagination which has been trying to "save the republic" during the past eighteen months through an aggressive campaign of false reports.

—A letter from Rio Grande and recently published in Santos says that Colonels Telles and Savaget have 6,887 men in their commands, viz.: 17th infantry 672 men; 29th infantry 465; 35th infantry 597; 31st infantry 303; 28th infantry 150 — total 2,997; 1st, 2nd and 3rd brigades 435; 3rd ditto 290; 1st, 2nd and 3rd brigades state troops 4,005; total 6,887 men. It is stated that the national and state governments have 20,000 men in the field, while the federalists claim to have from 6,000 to 7,000 men.

—The political situation in Pernambuco is also becoming interesting. A telegram of the 22nd says that the recently elected state senators (2nd turn) have assembled ten days prior to the opening of the legislative session, and are proceeding to the annual election of the senators of the 1st sessions. It will be a curious illustration of republican ideas if the newly elected legislators can declare the election of his senior illegal and void, even before being legally seated himself! This new method of organizing a legislature is credited to Gov. Barbosa Lima, who wishes to crush all opposition to himself.

RAILROAD NOTES

—The São Paulo railways increased their mileage by 64 kilometres during the past year.

—The railway stations from the Central out to Cascadura are being policed by regular soldiers during carnival.

—There were interruptions to traffic at several points on the Central railway during the past week, caused by landslides.

—A Porto Alegre telegram of the 19th says that a report is current to the effect that a heavy delamination had been discovered in the administration of the Porto Alegre and Uruguayan railway.

—On Saturday last there was merchandise enough at the Gamba station, awaiting dispatch for the interior, for 516 car-loads. The director proposes to take immediate steps to terminate this block in traffic.

—An express train was derailed near Ubá, Minas Geraes, on the 17th, causing the death of two firemen and one line overseer. The locomotive driver was badly burned, but the passengers escaped without injury.

—A frequent traveller over the Central lines asks if the new Brooks locomotives are too large and heavy for the turn-tables in use on that road, for they are always headed in one direction. In going one direction they always run with the tender in advance and the cow-catcher turned toward the train.

—The *Journal* of Saturday says that a large quantity of railway material has been discovered in the deposits of the locomotive department, where its existence had been entirely forgotten. The administration was about to order out new supplies. This is another illustration of the effectiveness of state-administered railways.

—Reports were current on Thursday and Friday last to the effect that Marshal Janini had tendered his resignation as director of the Central railway. On Saturday the *Journal* gave a positive denial to the report, stating that he would remain in charge of the railway as long as he continued to receive the confidence of the government.

—There was an accident on the Sorocabana line at São Paulo, on the 24th inst., owing to an open switch at a place called Barra Funda. The locomotive driver gave the alarm in time to prevent a frightful accident, but not soon enough to avoid damages to his locomotive and several wagons. One passenger had a leg broken, and some others suffered bruises, but happily there were no serious casualties.

—There was a strike of very brief duration at Sapopemba on the Central railway on 21st inst. The laborers there were dissatisfied with the 300 reis increase in their pay, which had been allowed them, and struck work, inviting the men at Cascadura to join them. The director of the road and chief of police were soon on the scene, and at 3:30 p.m. a detachment of regulars arrived. The men were not turbulent, and the strike soon ended.

—The growth of passenger traffic on the São Paulo tramways has been very rapid during the last three or four years. In 1889 the receipts on all the tramway lines of the city, except the line to Villa Mariana and Santo Amaro, amounted to \$53,044.8-016; in 1893 these receipts had increased to 1,633,442\$840. In 1893 they carried 16,222,990 passengers; in 1894 the total was 17,742,133; in 1884 the total mileage was 24 kilometres; in 1893 it was 87 kilometres and in 1894, 92 kilometres.

THE BROOKS LOCOMOTIVES.

Rio de Janeiro, 20th February, 1895.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As contractors for the Brooks locomotives, now running with such signal success on the Central railway, allow us, in reference to the remarks in your issue of the 19th inst., to inform you that the statement made by the *Pais* as to the locomotives having broken down on account of a piece of a file having been found in the cylinder, was perfectly correct: as to how the file got there, we offer no opinion, but there is not the slightest doubt that that was the cause of the breakdown. The passenger to whom you refer is evidently misinformed as to the occurrence on the morning of the 13th; the locomotive went off the rails, we believe, on account of the switch being open, and the shock accelerated the accident, which sooner or later must have happened on account of the presence of the file.

As to the drivers finding difficulty in working the locomotives, the information we have is directly in contradiction to what this passenger relates: we are informed that the drivers who have once been put on the Brooks locomotives ask not to be transferred to others.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

QUAYLE, DAVIDSON & Co.

With regard to the foregoing, our informant passed over the line about three hours after the accident occurred. The locomotive was off the track, new rails were being laid, and a damaged rail was lying on the ground beside the locomotive. Under such circumstances, nine passing observers in every ten would have drawn the same conclusion which our informant did.

COFFEE NOTES

—A New York telegram of the 22nd says that the coffee deposits belonging to Messrs. Arbuclka Brothers have been reduced to ashes, the losses being estimated at one million dollars.

—The total coffee crop of Expirio Santo last year is said to have been 386,953 bags, officially valued at 28,562,625,000, on which the export tax amounted to 3,419,084,930. The production of the state was more than doubled within the year. The figures given a few weeks since covered only the exports from Victoria.

—The total exportation of coffee from Ceylon last year amounted to 32,305 cwt., or about 27,335½ slaty-kilo bags, against 55,190 cwt. in 1893, 43,143 cwt. in 1892, 86,692 in 1891, and 86,009 cwt. in 1890. Of last year's production 20,022 cwt. were shipped to Great Britain, 8,420 cwt. to Australia, and the balance to diverse countries. The export of Liberian coffee amounted to 788 cwt. in 1894, 747 cwt. in 1893 and 979 in 1892.

—There was a complete block in coffee shipments on Saturday, because of the refusal of the inspector to dispatch coffee without *guías*. The state of Rio de Janeiro having abolished these *guías*, receives the amount of the duty and gives an authorization to ship a specified number of bags. The tax is now wholly under state jurisdiction, and this authorization is perfectly legal. The inspector, whose duty is merely to fiscalize the shipments, understands that he can also exact *guías*, which are still issued in Minas Geraes, although he shipped 5,600 bags without them, hence the conflict. A protest was made by the exporters.

—Nothing as yet has been done to suppress the theft of coffee at the D. Pedro II docks. On the 21st an employee of Messrs. Wilson & Co. was knocked down by one of the thieves, simply because he tried to interfere with the stealing. Others are in danger of assassination because in their opposition to the thieves. The police are doing nothing to stop the criminal practices of the thieves who intend the place. As the authorities seem to think that a claim against the government for shortages will hold. It is the duty of the government to protect property; if it refuses, or neglects, to do so, it is responsible for the consequences.

—Coffee, divorced some years ago from its previous high position, now occupies but an unimportant place in the export list. That it will disappear altogether is fortunately not probable, seeing that new areas are being planted with the Liberian variety every year, and this movement promises to extend considerably in the near future. For all that, the total amount of coffee sent from Ceylon during 1894 of all kinds was no more than 32,305 cwt., of which as little as 652 cwt. was native coffee. Now, however, that Liberian coffee is likely to form an increasing proportion of the total export of coffee despatched from Colombo, we should like to see a separate entry made in the chamber of commerce returns for this variety, so that we may see exactly what progress is being made with it from year to year. The total acreage under this product cannot now fall far short of 3,000 acres, and we expect to see a considerable increase year by year until the exports of coffee once more begin to rise and assume respectable proportions. It is worthy of note that the total export of coffee now aggregates little more than that of cocoa. For some years the export of cocoa has been stationary, but it has again begun to fall with accelerating rapidity.—*Times of Ceylon*, January 11th.

—It is to Don Guzman Blanco, ex-President of the republic of Venezuela, that the honor belongs of initiating the "Bull" speculation in coffee. But for his interposition we should not now have coffee at quite so high a price which we see quoted to-day. He instructed his brokers and agents in Havre to buy coffee for delivery in December, the quantities which he was prepared to buy being so large that some difficulty was experienced in getting his orders filled, owing to the fact that very few merchants were inclined to act for him. So little sympathy was there with his manipulations in Havre, that the Clearing House authorities there increased the deposit to be paid for the "December" position, and about that time the prospects for the success of his operations looked very unpromising indeed. Just at the critical point, however, when December was drawing near, news arrived of cholera having made its appearance in the interior of Brazil. As there was some substratum of truth in the report, the "Bears" became alarmed, and rushed in to cover their sales of "March" and "May" deliveries, and this naturally imparted some strength to the "December" position. In this way a better tone was imparted to the market, and enabled General Blanco to make arrangements for taking up coffee tendered to him against his December contracts. The quantity so tendered amounted to no less than 180,000 bags of coffee, involving a value of £750,000 sterling, and it is reported that part of this coffee is hypothecated in Havre and part in Paris, with a margin of 30 per cent. It was a hold operation at the time it was undertaken, quite worthy of a Kaltenbach, and might have ended in a result in an entire loss. Thanks to cholera reports, in the first instance, and unfavorable weather for the growing crop in Brazil, in the second instance, the ex-dictator of Venezuela is likely to make some profit instead of a loss from this hazardous speculation. It is a pleasure to be able to place on record that on this occasion nearly all the leading merchants of Havre obtained from taking part in manipulations which in the long run can but have the effect of injuring the interests of this important commercial centre.—*Statist*, Feb. 2.

COFFEE IN MEXICO.

A Ceylon planter, Mr. E. O. Darley, who has been lately inspecting the coffee districts of Mexico, expresses the following opinion in regard to them: "I have just returned from an extensive trip through the coffee districts of southern Mexico and have found the coffee interest all that it was represented to be and far superior to anything I had imagined. With few exceptions, the soil was of the richest quality and practically inexhaustible. As a rule, coffee trees were entirely unpruned and not weeded, and yet they were vigorous and healthy and were bearing astonishingly one pound per tree of four years and higher up according to age. In some cases I saw trees, ten or twelve years old, literally bending under the load of berries.

"Under the same condition of cultivation, or rather lack of cultivation, that these trees were thriving in, coffee trees in Ceylon would hardly exist and certainly would bear no crop at all. I attribute this to the richness of the soil and the fine climate, which is especially adapted for coffee, and gives also wonderful results in sugar cane and similar crops. During my trip, I saw sugar cane four months old, ten feet long and one and a half inches in diameter, growing under the rich alluvial bottom lands. I also saw many large rubber trees growing wild in these coffee lands, that I suspect with hardly any care or attention could be made to yield a good revenue.

"Considering the very cheap price of these lands, as compared with Ceylon or India, where coffee lands readily sell for fifty dollars per acre and more, and the still cheaper cost of bringing a coffee plantation into bearing, as compared with those countries, the conditions for coffee growing in Mexico are immeasurably superior, and an immense fortune can be realized in a few years by any one engaging in this pursuit in Mexico with a very moderate amount of capital."

LOCAL NOTES

—On the 19th inst. Her Britannic Majesty's minister in Brazil, Edmund C. H. Phipps, Esq., was formally presented to the minister of foreign affairs.

—There was a consultation at Itamaraty on the 19th in regard to a proposed reduction in the number of pretors in this city by the union of certain districts, reducing the number from 21 to 15.

—It will be interesting to Mr. Hepworth Dixon to know that the *Pais* has transformed his Christian name into "Heppertow." It is desirable that an author should be able to recognize himself in every part of the world.

—We are glad to say that another severe crisis in Egypt has been averted. A telegram of the 19th says that the Khedive has married his favorite slave, who is about to present him a future ruler of Egypt "by right divine."

—The *Pais* says that the *bravo* Admiral Gonçalves will very soon be appointed chief of staff of the navy, in place of Rear-Admiral Julio de Noronha, who is to take charge of the naval school. The *Jornal*, however, says that no such appointment is to be made.

—The *Pais* of the 21st says that there were 44 deaths in the Jurujuba hospital from the 1st to the 15th inst., viz.: 15 from cholera morbus, 7 from choloid diarrhoea, 19 from choloid enteritis, 1 from cholera, 1 from acute dysentery, and 1 from pernicious fever. The source of this information is not given, but we presume it is from the new cholera commission.

—The *Pais* of the 21st relates that when one of the attendants was leaving the Jurujuba hospital a few days ago, he was seized by an ensign and two soldiers of the 38th battalion, who gave him a brutal whipping. Is it not time that these criminal practices on the part of the military should be severely repressed? An officer who commits such an offence should be dismissed in disgrace from the service, and handed over to the civil authorities for prosecution.

—During the month of January last, there were 374 deaths from yellow fever and 31 from cholera in Rio, despite which the Rio Janeiro health board almost close the port against arrivals from Argentina for fear of suspicious cases of cholera. "Abtina" was never carried to a further extent.—*Times*, Buenos Aires, Feb. 8. Nor falsehood either, neighbor! The health board reports only 26 deaths from yellow fever during the month of January. Your 374 deaths are nothing but the freak of a malicious imagination.

—A few days ago a letter-carrier, who enjoys the personal confidence of Dr. Demostheas Lobo, the director-general, penned a package of registered letters at a saloon for 600 reis worth of rum. The postoffice authorities explain that the letters contained no money, and that steps were at once taken to recover them when the circumstance became known. Quite naturally! But the *Gazeta* says that the dishonest carrier is still in the employ of the postoffice, having been transferred to another section!

—Arrangements are on the tapis to allow free entrance into Argentina to all passengers from Brazil, provided the quarantine is waived in Rio on arrivals from Argentina; meanwhile, there were 41 deaths from yellow fever in Rio yesterday, whereas microscopic observations here yesterday resulted in a couple of "suspicious cases" which some doctors assert, were of gastro-enteritis, a second cousin of degenerate cholera.—*Times*, Buenos Aires, Feb. 9. It would be interesting to know where the Buenos Aires papers obtain their information about yellow fever in Rio. A little more regard for the truth would facilitate the settlement of our quarantine difficulties immediately. In regard to the above, the *Times* will permit us to observe that the total number of deaths in this city on the 7th, from all causes, as reported in the *Jornal do Commercio*, was 45, of which two were from yellow fever. On the 8th the total from all causes was 37, of which three were from yellow fever.

—A consulting physician, Dr. Belisario Augusto Soares de Sousa, left for Caminhaçu on the 23rd to examine Marshal Floriano Peixoto.

—It is said that much disgust is felt in Montevideo over the disinclination of the Brazilian government to accept Minister Monteiro's resignation.

—The decree terminating the special mission at Washington, under Barão do Rio Branco, for the settlement of the Misiones question, was signed on the 21st inst.

—A Valparaíso telegram of the 25th says that the Chilean government has placed a large order for war material in Germany. It is all preparatory to disarmament, of course.

—The armament and munitions existing on S. Bento hill since the revolt, have been at last entirely removed and the detachment of the 5th artillery stationed there has been withdrawn.

—The Italian squadron on this coast will be composed of the ironclads *Liguria* and *Dagali* and the cruisers *Colombo* and *Umbria*, the whole to be under the command of Rear-Admiral Gualtero.

—In view of the sensitiveness recently displayed about the annexation of Corea by Japan, we are waiting to see if a similar feeling will develop in regard to the acquisition of Madagascar by France.

—A report has been current in Montevideo that President Moraes is exercising his personal influence to have the Argentines and Chileans settle their boundary dispute by means of arbitration. Brazil has tried this remedy and finds it wonderfully efficacious.

—A very heavy thunderstorm visited this city Sunday evening, the rain falling rapidly enough to turn the streets into rivers in a very few moments. Singularly enough, however, the rain did not extend to Botafogo and Cattedo, those suburbs being left quite dry.

—The minister of war has instructed the adjutant-general to proceed against General Honorato Caldas, one of the dictator's victims, for a recent publication, which is considered an infraction of the regulations forbidding such proceedings on the part of military officers.

—The movement in favor of the pacification of Rio Grande has become very general throughout the whole country. Several writers and many of the leading newspapers of this capital, of São Paulo, and of other cities, are discussing the subject favorably to such a step.

—The director of the Jurujuba hospital reports there were 15 patients under treatment on the 1st inst., and that 86 more were received up to the 15th inst. Of these 44 died (of which 25 entered the hospital moribund), 37 were discharged cured, and 20 remained under treatment on the 15th.

—The *Juris* section decided on the 20th that the forced retirement of Marshal Almeida Barreto, and other officers, by an executive decree of April 7th, 1892, (under the Demoliro regime) was unconstitutional and void. The national treasury is condemned to pay the costs and the subsidies due the plaintiffs.

—There is probably not less than one assassination a week in this city on an average. But somehow we rarely hear anything about the assassins being tried and punished. If the assassin is a soldier, which is very often the case, he is at once surrendered to the military authorities—and that is the last we hear about it.

—For the last half of December there were in this city 489 deaths, 304 marriages and 448 births. Of the deaths, five were from yellow fever. According to Dr. Fajardo the death rate was 8½ per thousand, but we make it a trifle over 20. Even at that, it is a noticeably low rate, much better than anything our Buenos Aires neighbors can show.

—According to the orders issued by the adjutant-general of the army, special officers were detailed to oversee the conduct of the military cadets during carnival. If they should be turbulent, no one could interfere with them but these three or four officers. This is still called a republic, however, and these special exemptions and privileges must therefore be called republican.

—An alarmist sheet of this city having published an item of news to the effect that a case of cholera had appeared in a well-known hotel in Juiz de Fora, the proprietor and one of his guests, a physician, have been obliged to telegraph down here to deny the report. Why would it not be well to prosecute the authors of these false and alarming reports?

—It is said that Great Britain, Russia, France and various other powers, will not consent to the permanent occupation of Corea by Japan. But suppose Japan does not ask their permission, then what? Germany asked no one's permission to occupy Alsace, nor has England and France asked permission for their many seizures of foreign territory. Why, then, should Japan ask?

—It is stated that the Bolivian minister, Dr. Frederico Medina, has been in negotiation with the government for the delimitation of the boundary lines between Bolivia and Brazil. A protocol has been signed lately providing for a mixed commission to make the necessary survey, and mark the boundary. It is understood that a Brazilian commission will leave in a few days to meet a Bolivian commission on the upper Amazon, and that it will be under the direction of Dr. Thaumaturgo de Azevedo.

—The *Jornal do Commercio* says that the minister of foreign affairs and the French minister have arrived at an understanding in regard to the settlement of the question relative to the assassination of the French engineer Brette by the government forces. The *Jornal do Commercio* says that the solution reached is that Brazil will pay 500,000 francs to the families of the Frenchmen assassinated, viz.: Brette, Etienne and Muller, but declines to disclose the authors of the crime and dismiss them from the service. History will take care of these characters, however.

—The new Uruguayan minister, Dr. Carlos de Castro, arrived here on the 24th inst.

—An inmate of the lunatic asylum threw himself from a window into the garden below on the 22nd inst., fracturing his cranium. Death followed instantaneously.

—Although the government is said to have purchased a ship for a floating lazaretto at Ilha Grande about a month ago, it has not yet been sent there. Are we to understand that this is sheer negligence, or ill will?

—Sunday was officially celebrated as the anniversary of the promulgation of the constitution. In view of the frequency and facility with which the constitution is broken, it is a source of wonder that any would care to celebrate its adoption.

—The commandants of the Santa Cruz and S. João forts, at the entrance to the bay, have memorialized the government against the anchoring near them of steamers from ports infected with cholera, and against their throwing dead animals into the sea, which come ashore there. But, how about communication with Rio de Janeiro—a port infected with cholera?

BUSINESS NOTES

—The exportation of rubber from Pará in January amounted to 2,867,000 kilos.

—The immigration officials of the state of São Paulo estimate their cash requirements for 1896 at 1,089,360\$000.

—It is estimated that the value of the agricultural products at the various mels of immigrants in São Paulo last year was 2,266,656\$220. That is a close estimate, surely.

—The government has declared lapsed the central sugar factory concessions, Nos. 1, 164, of 13th December, 1890, No. 177 of 4th April, 1891, No. 160 of 24th April, 1891, and No. 175 of 25th April 1891.

—Yesterday was made a half holiday in the custom-house, and to-day its doors are kept closed altogether. As Carnival is not a legal holiday, it would be useful to know why these public departments are closed.

—The *Jornal* urges the captain of the port to make a thorough examination of the *Itamaraty* and *Petropolis*, the two steamers in the Petropolis service. It is said that their machinery is in a bad condition and that they have not been supplied with the life-saving appliances ordered.

—Telegrams of the 21st and 22nd advise the failure of Luiz Podesta & Hijos, an important exporting house of Montevideo. This firm was a principal exporter of flour to Rio and the southern ports of Brazil. It is said to owe the banks \$500,000 and private firms \$200,000, gold.

—The government has very properly suppressed its consulates at Odessa and New Orleans. The first yielded \$1000 and the second 68000 in one year, while the consuls' salaries are 8,000\$ gold each. It is a good business principle to suppress all such offices.

—The new method of imposing the 11 1/2% tax on coffee practically transforms it from an export duty into an internal tax. By collecting the tax on all coffee coming in by railway, our local consumption pays the same as that which is exported. The next doubt will be to add a further percentage as an export duty.

—The business houses of Victoria have asked the government to permit the landing of a Western and Brazilian cable at that port, and the director-general of telegraphs has already reported upon it. Victoria is now shipping a large quantity of coffee to foreign markets and direct cable communication is becoming a necessity.

—The American papers are much pleased with the concessions in tariff rates said to have been made by Argentina in recognition of free wool. If we are not mistaken, these concessions are more apparent than real. There was a heavy discriminating duty against American pine, and though the duty has been slightly reduced the discrimination still exists. This is one of the favors secured.

—The exports from Pará last year, compared with 1893, included the following:

	1894	1893
Rubber, kilos.....	19,472,010	19,744,157
Cacao, " " " " " "	3,434,056	4,597,189
At Manaus the rubber exports in 1894 were 4,377,566 kilos, against 4,743,752 kilos in 1893. The stocks of rubber on December 31st were:		
At Pará, kilos.....	660,000	1,388,000
At Manaus, " " " " " "	223,000	—

—According to the *Diário* of Pernambuco, the exports during January compare very unfavorably with those of the same month of 1894. There was a noticeable falling off in the values of sugar, cotton and some other products, though there was a small increase in spirits, honey and hides. In most products, however, the quantity showed no decline, the decrease in valuation being due to lower prices. The total loss on valuations was 808,007\$840, of which cotton contributed 514,825\$640 and sugar 359,276\$640. On the contrary, rum produced 62,894\$200 and alcohol 43,458\$250 more than in 1894.

—On Saturday, the steel screw steamer *Homer*, built by Sir Raylton Dixon and Co., Cleveland Dockyard, Middletonbrough, to the order of Messrs. Lamport and Holt, for the Liverpool, Brazil and River Plate Steam Navigation Company, Limited, was taken to sea for her official trip. She is of the steel deck type classed 100 At at Lloyd's, and will carry a deadweight cargo of over 4,000 tons, on a very light draught of water. The vessel has been specially designed to meet the requirements of the South American trade, and is fitted with all the latest improvements for the rapid discharge and loading of cargo. The engines worked very smoothly during the trial trip which was highly successful and satisfactory to all concerned. Messrs. Dixon are also building for the same owners a vessel of 7,300 tons and 12 knots speed.—*Transport*, Feb. 1.

[February 26th, 1895.]

ario — Gr bk *Brilliant*; 1,165 tons; Kessel: bal-

List of sailing vessels at anchor in the bay of Rio de Janeiro 24th February, 1895.

Nationality	NAME	Tonn.	Master	Entered	From	Consignees
American.....	log Moses B. Tower.....	695	Freitas	Dec. 8	Capo Verde	To order
do.....	do C. Southard Hulbert.....	1230	Southard	Jan. 2	New-York	do
do.....	do Glad Tidings.....	620	Myers	Jan. 2	Baltimore	Wilson & Co.
Argentine.....	slp Felix.....	137	Silva	Jan. 5	Santos	To order
Austrian.....	bk Josef.....	490	Braz	Dec. 8	Marseilles	C. F. Keller & Co.
British.....	slp Tweeddale.....	1407	Mentice	Nov. 30	Bangkok	Wilson Sons & Co.
do.....	slp Royal Forth.....	2988	Cooper	Dec. 15	Hull	P. S. Nicolson & Co.
do.....	slp Lennie Burnell.....	1328	Mc. Lauchlin	15	New-York	Gas Co.
do.....	slp Superb.....	1360	Williams	24	Rangoon	Legs Immos
do.....	do Mod y Don.....	1038	Evans	24	Bangkok	Watson, Ritchie & Co.
do.....	do County of Anglesia.....	785	Lewis	25	do	Ferraz, Sobrinho & Co.
do.....	do Noddleburn.....	1035	Spencer	25	Rangoon	Herman Stoltz & Co.
do.....	slp Langmore.....	1285	Edger	25	Cardiff	To order.
do.....	slp Stanley.....	2105	Merchett	25	do	Messageries Maritimes
do.....	slp Dominion.....	2091	Chalmers	25	Bangkok	R. J. Harrison,
do.....	slp Zuleika.....	2400	W. Wilson	25	Hull	Gas Co.
do.....	slp Concordia.....	1457	Duff	Jan. 3	New-Port	Messageries Maritimes.
do.....	slp Monrovia.....	1242	Bernard	4	Rangoon	Fernaz, Sobrinho & Co.
do.....	slp Rydalmore.....	1828	Hand	5	Rangoon	Norton Megaw & Co.
do.....	slp Port Carline.....	1835	Sobey	7	Norfolk	Gaa Company
do.....	slp Jane Burrill.....	1784	Lockhart	7	Cardiff	To order
do.....	slp Lowther Castle.....	1093	Ronell	7	Rangoon	Royal Mail Co.
do.....	slp Tronahill.....	1597	Montgomery	18	Cardiff	Norton, Megaw & Co.
do.....	slp Kelvin.....	1871	Perry	18	Rangoon	Lage Immos
do.....	slp Maiden City.....	1285	Brammer	23	Cardiff	Brazilian Coal Co.
do.....	slp Criccieth Castle.....	1715	Dixon	24	Cardiff	Compagnie de Teclidos Allianza
do.....	slp Alexander Yeats.....	134	Alexander	24	Parahyba	Lage Immos
do.....	slp Erin's Isle.....	1215	Smith	24	Cardiff	W. W. Guimarães & Co.
do.....	slp Eudora.....	1269	Oliver	24	Parahyba	C. G. C. e Industria
do.....	slp Himan Wood.....	1215	Mc Farlane	24	Parahyba	P. S. Nicolson & Co.
do.....	slp Elm.....	1215	Alexander	24	Parahyba	do
do.....	slp Scammel Brothers.....	174	Le Brocq	24	Montevideo	Frias Hermanos.
do.....	slp Cornucopia.....	350	Congh	24	do	Gas Co.
do.....	slp Zingaro.....	1371	Donovan	24	do	To order.
do.....	slp White Wings.....	1371	Dixon	24	do	Fernaz Sobrinho & Co.
do.....	slp Marpesta.....	1371	Dixon	24	do	Legs Immos
do.....	slp Blythwood.....	899	Pritchard	24	do	Helmut Rodrigues & Co.
do.....	slp Banffshire.....	1145	Swatbridge	24	do	do
do.....	slp Katahdin.....	879	Banlanger	24	do	do
do.....	slp Dincom.....	879	Banlanger	24	do	do
do.....	slp Jura.....	275	Westaway	24	do	do
do.....	slp Westaway.....	275	Westaway	24	do	do
do.....	slp Kelverdale.....	1291	Palmer	24	do	do
Danish.....	lgn Union.....	142	Ankersen	Jan. 2	Hamburg	Walter Christensen & Co.
do.....	lgn Faro.....	297	Mortensen	Feb. 16	San Nicolas	Gudgen & Co.
do.....	lgn Angor.....	297	Lautzen	21	Widby	F. P. Fasser
do.....	lgn Saphie.....	257	Saars	21	Hamburg	Chr. Heckscher & Co.
German.....	slp Klio.....	1258	Wittmus	Jan. 12	Cardiff	Max. Nothmann & Co.
do.....	slp Frida.....	231	Olles	12	Paraguá	Clemente Neidhart
do.....	slp Varana.....	487	Liesgens	12	Gothenburg	C. G. C. e Industria
do.....	slp Godeffroy.....	538	Jork	Feb. 6	Parahyba	C. W. Gross & Co.
Norwegian.....	lgn Solveig.....	296	Andersen	May 4	Macahé	To order
do.....	lgn Maminja.....	472	Kristensen	Nov. 25	Antwerp	C. G. C. e Industria
do.....	lgn Leide.....	392	Krudsen	Dec. 23	Aracaju	To order
do.....	lgn Phos.....	1354	Johnson	23	Aracaju	Beltrino Rodrigues & Co.
do.....	lgn Rædd.....	1354	Johnson	23	Hamburg	To order
do.....	lgn Carl Pehl.....	672	Olson	30	do	Herm Stoltz & Co.
do.....	lgn Prince Amadeo.....	1580	Steen	25	Cardiff	Brazilian Coal & Co.
do.....	lgn Viga.....	591	Leanen	25	do	C. G. C. e Industria
do.....	lgn Sidiomari.....	591	Leanen	25	do	Alvaro Teolin
do.....	lgn Frank Carville.....	1408	Nielsen	27	Cardiff	Brazilian Coal Co.
do.....	lgn Albaros.....	323	Omumundsen	30	do	Oliveira, Maia & Co.
do.....	lgn Lima.....	277	Shalesen	30	Montevideo	Sequeira & Co.
do.....	lgn Victoria.....	273	Gillesen	30	Buenos-Aires	G. Gudgen & Co.
do.....	lgn White Rose.....	1408	Aaroc	7	Cardiff	Wilson Sons & Co.
Portuguese.....	bk Fernanda.....	733	Oliveira	Jan. 25	Valencia	Macedo Junior & Co.
do.....	bk Margarida.....	373	Souza	Feb. 4	Oporto	J. J. Gonçalves & Co.
do.....	bk Vasco da Gama.....	450	Reis	4	do	do Simões & Co.
do.....	lgn Argos.....	199	Almeida	14	Aracaju	C. Commercio Nacional.
Russian.....	bk Paul.....	741	Johnsen	Feb. 2	Hamburg	Herm Stoltz & Co.
Swedish.....	bk Nordstjernen.....	688	Sudvall	Jan. 28	Hamburg	Herm Stoltz & Co.
do.....	bk Albert Ehrensdard.....	550	Beranson	Feb. 2	do	To order
do.....	bk Truro.....	891	Bokberg	24	Cardiff	Brazilian Coal Co.

N. B. The letter D on the margin indicates that the ship has been dispatched.

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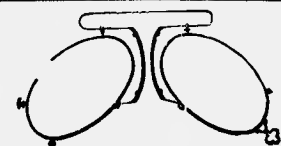
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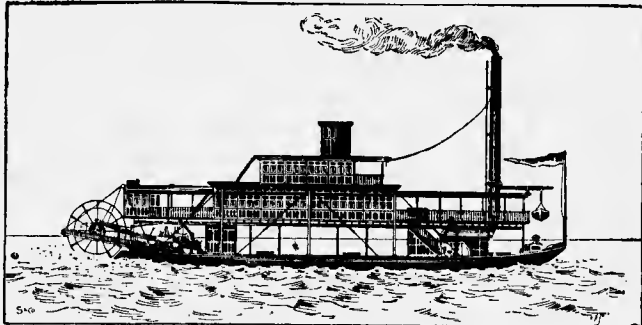
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